

GOVERNOR'S HAND MAY SAVE SLAYER

Not Believed Foss Will
Let Richeson Go
to Chair.

MORE DETAILS OF CONFESSION

To His Lawyers Minister Tells
How He Prepared Fatal Capsule
and Gave It to Avis
Linnell That He Might
Wed Violet Edmonds,
Heiress.

Boston, Mass., January 7.—Speculation was rife to-day as to what ultimately will be the fate of Rev. Charles V. T. Richeson, who yesterday, in a written statement, confessed to the murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell.

From a source close to Governor Foss the statement came to-day that the attitude of the Executive probably would be in favor of a commutation of sentence of death in the electric chair to one of life imprisonment, if the law's fullest penalty is imposed by the court. Members of the Governor's Council are known already to have been approached concerning their attitude in case the death penalty is imposed and a petition for commutation is made.

No Leniency Expected.
No leniency for Richeson on the part of the district attorney is expected, and in less than that of murder in the first degree with which his approval, according to a statement which he reiterated to-day, so that the only hand that seems able to stay Richeson's march to the electric chair is that of Governor Foss, acting under the advice of the council.

Richeson expected to appear in court late to-morrow afternoon and ask to be permitted to change his former plea and be adjudged guilty of murder. Whether Judge George A. Sanderson and District Attorney Pelletier will accept this change or will put aside the confession for future consideration, in order that the regular procedure may be followed and a jury called upon to pronounce the verdict was not announced to-night.

Richeson learned to-day from the papers that his confession was known throughout the land, but while he read the various accounts he made no comment upon them. He passed a quiet day.

Richeson's confession, as made public yesterday, was bare of details. It is understood, however, that he enlarged on it in conversation and possibly in writing to his counsel, and that the district attorney is now in possession of most of the information which has come to the defense.

While no person can be quoted as responsible for it, the statement is made on high authority that Richeson's amplified confession to his counsel was on the following lines:

After purchasing a quantity of cyanide of potassium from William Hahn, a Newton Centre druggist, on October 19, the minister took the poison to his rooms in Cambridge.

Later he borrowed from Mrs. Frank H. Carter, in whose home he was a lodger, an earthenware mixing bowl, "to make some book paste."

Returning the bowl to Mrs. Carter an hour or two later, he warned her to be sure and wash it out thoroughly, saying: "I have been mixing poison in it."

It was in this bowl and at this time, it is said, that the minister, by mixing cyanide of potassium with flour and water, made the capsule which ultimately caused Miss Linnell's death. This was Thursday, October 12.

On Saturday, October 14, Richeson met by appointment his one-time fiancée, who still believed herself his intended wife. Following their custom, the couple had a short walk and then went into a Revere street cafe. Here they had lunch and then they took another walk, this time to the Fenway. It was while seated in a secluded bench in the park, after the girl again had told him of her worry over her physical condition, saying she feared it was becoming apparent to her friends, and once more had entreated him to procure some remedy for her that the minister is said to have handed the girl the capsule, declaring it was a medicine which would certainly aid in the manner desired.

He directed her as to the manner of taking it, and then the pair walked to the car line. Miss Linnell went to her room in the Young Woman's Christian Association house, while Richeson boarded a trolley car for Brookline, going to the home of Miss Violet Edmonds, the wealthy heiress, whom he was to have married a few weeks later.

Meeting her chum, Miss Lucille Zeigler, Avis said she had been walking with him (by which Miss Zeigler understood she meant Richeson), and complained of a headache at her excuse for hurrying to her room. A few hours later she was found unconscious in the bathroom, and died without regaining consciousness.

Judge Sanderson was interviewed to-day as to what action probably would follow Richeson's plea of guilty to-morrow, but he refused to make any prediction or comment upon the case in any way. It lies wholly with the court to accept or reject the expected plea and his decision is awaited with much interest.

If the plea of guilty is accepted sentence may be imposed immediately or Richeson may be remanded to jail to await sentence later, or both court and district attorney may refuse to accept the change of plea and may send the prisoner back to jail to await trial by jury a week from to-morrow.

Believes Him Insane.
That Richeson is a man of two personalities and is insane was the belief expressed to-day by Frank H. Carter, of Cambridge, one of the leading men.

CANAL PROBLEMS MUST BE SOLVED

Panama Legislative Machinery Will Be Started To-Morrow.

FIRST MEETING OF COMMITTEE

Question of Treatment to Be Given American Shipping and How Much Power to Accord President Will Be Threshed Out Before Bill Is Drafted.

Washington, January 7.—Legislative machinery to provide for operation of the Panama Canal and control of the canal zone will be started Tuesday, when the House Committee on Inter-State Commerce will hold its first meeting to frame a program for hearings and other preliminary work as a basis of the bill which will be reported out to the House later in the session.

Chairman Adamson and his committee have just returned from a trip to Panama, where they conferred with Chief Engineer Goethals and other officials who are working to put the great isthmian ditch into active operation by January 1, 1915, and perhaps, as they say, a year earlier. Mr. Adamson has voiced the opinion that the progress and quality of the work done there is entirely satisfactory. The intention of the committee is to seek as much light as possible. Mr. Adamson said Colonel Goethals might be summoned to Washington, and the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy could give the committee any information they would be asked to appear.

The question of the treatment to be accorded American shipping—whether to give craft flying the American flag, in service either coastwise or to foreign ports, preferential rates in connection with the passage through the canal, etc.—and the problem of whether to vest wide discretion in the President as to the amount of tolls or to make specific legislative provision for the same, will be the first problem to be considered in the committee.

Two bills nearly ready. Two appropriation bills are about ready to emerge from committees of the House. The District of Columbia bill, which last year carried \$12,000,000, will be completed and reported to the House early this week, and will be followed quickly by the pension appropriation bill, which runs usually close to \$150,000,000.

Even with this big pension supply measure, a formidable supplement to the pension expenditures, the Sherwood bill, which is expected to be considered in the Senate, will be considered in the House. The bill, which already has passed the House, has few friends in the Senate, and the disposition is to cut any \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000 out of it.

Chairman McCumber, of the Senate Committee on Pensions, has a bill of his own embodying both age and service features, which he will urge as a substitute. His estimate of the annual cost of the bill is approximately \$17,000,000, while the Sherwood bill estimated at about \$75,000,000. Action thus far has been delayed to await revised cost estimates from the Pension Bureau.

The arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France probably will be introduced in open session of the Senate within a fortnight. Friends of the treaties have held up action pending a marshalling of the strength necessary for their ratification. This strength is expected to be sufficiently yet, but there are indications of a gain among the Democratic Senators and a sentiment increasingly favorable to Senator Root's proposal to provide directly that nothing in the treaties shall be construed to bind the United States to arbitrate such questions as the Monroe Doctrine or control of immigration.

Lorimer Will Testify.
Senator Lorimer to-morrow will testify under oath for the first time since Judge Underhill ordered an investigation of his election. Judge Underhill, his counsel, intends to let the Senator tell his own story in his own way. He will take two days to do so. Then the cross-examination will begin.

Following his testimony the committee is expected to begin work on its report to the Senate, where the final fight will come.

The House sugar trust investigating committee are scheduled to resume hearings to-morrow, and the National Monetary Commission will make its final report to the Senate on Tuesday. Senator Dupont will speak in the Senate on Tuesday on a bill to raise volunteer military forces in time of actual or threatened war, and the House Foreign Affairs Committee the same day will act on the bill making effective the international protection of fur seal and other in the North Pacific. An assembly of distinguished friends of Senator Elkins occupied the floor and galleries of the House, among them being former United States Senators Henry G. Davis, Nathan E. Scott, Charles J. Faulkner and Stephen R. Elkins, Jr., and former Governor Atkinson, of West Virginia.

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Washington, January 7.—The late Senator Stephen B. Elkins, a soldier, statesman, lawyer, friend and man, was eulogized to-day in the House of Representatives. The two Representatives from West Virginia—Davis, Brown, Littlepage Hamilton and Hughes—praised his achievements and vowed at his constructive statesmanship and Representative Sulzer characterized him as a wise counselor, a champion of the good and a man of clean thought and clean speech.

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PUT TO TORTURE, THEN MURDERED

Terribly Mutilated Bodies of Aged Couple Found.

NO MOTIVE FOR CRIME IS KNOWN

Isaac Futterman and Wife, Wealthy Residents of East Side, Are Believed to Have Been Victims of Religious Maniac—Murders Discovered by Son.

New York, January 7.—A case of double murder found in an East Side house to-day is one of the most shocking in details of any since the Golden-suppe dismemberment and the "Black the Ripper" series of crimes. Isaac Futterman, eighty years old, and his wife, Rachel, seventy-two years old, were found dead in their rooms, their bodies terribly mutilated.

The police believe the aged people were practically tortured to death, and in the absence of any well established motive for such a crime, think the Futtermans were victims of a religious maniac.

Futterman was a retired manufacturer, who had accumulated a small fortune, but always had refused to leave the East Side neighborhood, where he settled when he came from Russia many years ago. He was a zealous church worker, and aided in founding the synagogue in his district which he and his wife attended.

The couple lived alone. Their three children lived in other parts of the city. One of them, Aaron Futterman, superintendent of a brass factory, discovered the bodies on his weekly visit to his parents. The father's body lay on a sofa and the mother's on a bed. Each was only partially dressed. There were deep scratches across both faces and bodies, and the eyes of both were terribly mutilated, one of the man's having been torn from its socket. The man's abdomen was terribly slashed and there were cuts running lengthwise from head to foot. The nature of the mutilation led the police to believe that it had been begun while the Futtermans were alive, and that death actually had been caused by blows over the head which fractured both skulls.

The bodies bore finger prints, of which the police experts took photographs. A small neck bag, in which Mrs. Futterman is said to have carried money and jewelry, and which Mr. Futterman is said to have worn, could not be found. The police, however, suspect robbery as the motive for the crime.

Aaron Futterman said he did not know that his father had an enemy. His father kept practically all his money in a bank.

The police believe that the murder occurred several days ago, as decomposition had set in. Neighbors do not remember having seen the aged couple since January 5.

Daughter Is Suspected.
As a sequel to the finding to-day of the bodies of Futterman and his wife, Elka Futterman, the forty-year-old daughter of the slain couple, was taken to-night to the Bellevue Hospital for observation as to her mental condition. She had become hysterical when informed of the double killing, and a search of an apartment in the house where she lived, some distance from her parents' home, revealed, according to detectives, a blood-stained shirtwaist and various other articles of apparel stained with blood.

No charge was preferred against the distraught woman, who declared she was innocent of the crime.

Elka Futterman's removal to Bellevue was at the request of Aaron Futterman, her brother, who declared that she was confined in an institution for the insane several years ago.

DEFEND COTTONSEED

Manufacturers Do Not Believe It Is Responsible for Pellagra.

Washington, D. C., January 7.—Cottonseed oil manufacturers are gathering evidence and statistics to refute a theory that cottonseed oil might be one of the many suspected contributing causes to pellagra. Assistant Surgeon-General Long, of the Public Health Service, in a public address recently, mentioned the names of some investigators who were inclined to that belief.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Lavender, writing in one of the recent public health bulletins, says the theory is all out of harmony with the facts and history of pellagra. Dr. Charles C. Bass, of Tulane University, at New Orleans, also ridiculed the idea. Dr. George A. Zeller, of the Illinois State Hospital, at Peoria, has studied the theory and pronounced it absurd. All three scientists are recognized students of the subject.

The cottonseed oil makers point to the fact that the theory is in no way supported in any government publication reporting the official investigations which the Public Health Service is constantly conducting in the South.

HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE

Fort Worth Has Big Sunday Blaze, and Six Persons Are Injured.

Fort Worth, Tex., January 7.—Six persons were injured, one fatally, in a fire which destroyed the Long rooming house and damaged adjoining buildings here to-day, with a total property loss of \$125,000. The blaze started in the rooming house, Alberta Williams, a negro, was fatally injured when she leaped from a third-story window, missed the life net and struck the pavement. Another woman leaped from the same window, but landed in the net with slight injuries. The temperature was 11 above zero.

MEETING CAUSES TONGUES TO WAG

Both Bryan and La Follette Say It Was Accidental.

THIRD PARTY TALK QUICKLY STARTED

Politicians Wonder if Something Was "Pulled Off" When Progressive Republican Leader and Many-Time Presidential Candidate Confer—Committee Meets To-Day.

Washington, January 7.—Col. William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, and Senator Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, had a conference at the Union Station to-night upon their joint arrival here, the former from the South and the latter from the West. The meeting between the three-time presidential candidate of the Democratic party and the progressive Republican, who is seeking to prevent the Republican nomination from President Taft, was said to be accidental.

No sooner was it known that the progressive leaders of the two parties had come together than tongues began to wag, and third party talk flew thick and fast about the hotel corridors. It was not wholly confined to members of the Democratic National Committee, who were gathering for the meeting to-morrow. Republicans, too, showed a lively interest.

All depends on Bryan.
All day the Democratic committee-men had been seeking methods of dealing with the several perplexing questions scheduled to come up to-morrow's meeting, but nearly every possible solution advanced seemed to depend upon the probable attitude of the Nebraska leader. Progress was slow because of the general desire to consult Mr. Bryan, and his arrival, scheduled for 4 P. M., was awaited with great impatience. Finally it was learned that his train had been blocked by a wreck and would not arrive until shortly before a o'clock the Nebraska train arrived. Many prominent Democratic leaders were at the station. After handshakings, Mr. Bryan sighted Senator La Follette, and to be exact, they seemed to sight each other about the same time. They walked toward each other and shook hands, and then sat down on a bench and conversed with evident earnestness for several minutes.

"What's being pulled off?" was the question the waiting Democrats seemed to be asking each other as they watched the two men. This interrogation, in the vernacular of the street, was actually propounded, but that there was some consternation in the party was apparent.

Show of Good Feeling.
When Mr. Bryan and the Senator parted there was another show of good feeling. Mr. Bryan then explained tersely that Senator La Follette and he had talked about the resolution pending in Congress providing for the election of Senators by popular vote. Senator La Follette to-night gave the same explanation by telephone, but in the minds of some there remained a little skepticism.

It was reported that Senator La Follette had gone to the station to meet Mr. Bryan. Senator La Follette later said that the meeting was purely accidental, resulting from the fact that their trains happened to get in at the same hour.

"We only talked about the direct election resolution," said the Senator. "We are the least interested in the subject, and Colonel Bryan agrees with me that the resolution should be passed."

Colonel Bryan drove from the station to the home of Coter T. B. B. He declined to talk about the probability of the national committee will have to solve it. It was evident that he wanted to get his bearings before plunging into what promises to be a stirring campaign.

Colonel Bryan drove to the hotel apartment of Norman E. Mack, chairman of the national committee. The colonel dined with Chairman Mack.

Nebraska Retiree.
At the hotel Mr. Bryan was met by a large number of newspaper men. He would not discuss the political contests, presidential primaries or any of the subjects.

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Snow, Sleet, Cold Coming This Week

Washington, D. C., January 7.—Snow and sleet and unseasonably cold weather throughout the entire country will usher in this week, according to the special forecast issued to-night by the Weather Bureau.

A general reaction to warmer and more comfortable conditions will mark the close of the week. The forecast continues:

"The first general storm to cross the country is now central over Utah, whence it will move eastward Monday night or Tuesday morning. Eastern States Tuesday or Wednesday. It will be preceded by moderating temperature and rain or snow in southern and snow in northern districts, and be followed by a widespread change to colder weather. The cold wave will appear in the Northwest Monday night."

"The next general disturbance to cross the country will appear on the Pacific Coast Wednesday, cross the Middle West about Friday and the Eastern States about Saturday. It will be preceded by widespread cloudiness and precipitation and a general relief to warmer weather."

"Stormy weather will prevail the coming week over the North Atlantic steamship routes, the British Isles and Europe."

Central Figures in Letter Episode



W. J. BRYAN WOODROW WILSON

FISHER FAVORS LEASING SYSTEM

Believes It Will Promote and Protect Public Interests.

BETTER LAWS ARE NEEDED OTHER SHIPS IN TROUBLE

Present Statutes Not Suited to Rapid and Proper Development of Federal Domain.

Washington, January 7.—Enlarged application of the leasing principle as applied to the public domain, especially a liberal leasing law for the development of the mineral resources of Alaska, particularly its coal fields, and immediate consideration by Congress of the whole subject of water-power development and control are the most important recommendations contained in the annual report of Secretary of the Interior Fisher, made public to-day.

A general overhauling of conditions in Alaska is needed, the secretary says. He favors a law for the retirement of government employees, placing it on the ground of good business policy. He urges the creation of a bureau of national parks, each of them at present being "a separate and distinct unit for administrative purposes." There is also serious need, he declares, for the enlargement of the work of the Bureau of Mines.

"The great public movement for the conservation of our national resources," says Secretary Fisher, "is not in any way opposed to prompt and wise development of the public domain. The essential thing is to see that, under the guise of settlement, do not permit more exploitation, which in the last analysis retards both settlement and development." He recommends, therefore, certain modifications of existing laws relating to the public domain so as to permit its proper development.

Many of the restrictive provisions, which now, irritate and hamper the bona fide settler and industrial pioneer, should be removed, he says.

"The man on the ground should be the object of our solicitude, and we should protect him against those who would place upon his shoulders any unnecessary burden."

In regard to agricultural land settlers, Secretary Fisher holds that the law should insist absolutely upon cultivation, but "should permit the relaxation of the rule requiring residence during the first two years," in some cases on account of conditions there being "no reason whatever for insisting upon the requirement of actual residence at the outset."

Some modification of the law in regard to repayment of reclamation charges is recommended, and a change in the law is proposed to permit the settler at any time after five years from the date of entry and after he has lived for three years on his land, to acquire title to the property.

Should Aid Homesteaders.
"No land should be open to homestead entry," he declares, "except that which is really suitable for homes; and then the homesteaders should be aided in every proper way."

"The timber and stone act should be immediately repealed, and also the act authorizing the cutting of timber on mineral lands. They hold out a constant invitation to abuse and to mere exploitation."

"The public range cannot be properly administered under the existing law. It should be leased for grazing purposes under the broad administrative discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, so that the leases can be adapted to actual conditions and the legitimate interests of the sheep and cattlemen. At present the range itself is being destroyed and both sheep and

WOULD WE COULD KNOCK MR. BRYAN INTO COCKED HAT

—WOODROW WILSON

Words Were Written in Letter to Adrian Joline.

NOW THEY'RE USED BY HIS ENEMIES

Recipient of Epistle Chances to Be Collector of Autographs and Preserved It, Not Suspecting Importance It Would Assume in Jersey Man's Future.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
New York, January 7.—The letter from Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, in which he had occasion to say a harsh thing on the subject of William J. Bryan, now may be read as it was written back in the days when the writer was president of Princeton University. For the last two days politicians and political onlookers the country over have been speculating as to its tenor and its possible effect on the fortunes of friendship of the New Jersey candidate for the presidency on the Democratic ticket. Very reluctantly and through a fear that as it went the rounds by word of mouth it would expand and accumulate undue significance, Adrian H. Joline, to whom the now famous letter was written, allowed a transcript to be made to-night. This is it:

"Princeton University, Princeton, N. J., April 29, 1897, President's Room.
"My Dear Mr. Joline:
"Thank you very much for sending me your address at Parsons, Kansas, before the board of directors of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad Company. I have read it with relief and entire agreement. Would that we could do something at once dignified and effective to help Mr. Bryan once for all into a cocked hat."

"Cordially and sincerely yours,
(Signed) 'WOODROW WILSON.'
Why It Was Written.

Mr. Joline was chairman and president of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company at the time he made to the board of directors of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad Company. I have read it with relief and entire agreement. Would that we could do something at once dignified and effective to help Mr. Bryan once for all into a cocked hat."

"The speech was reproduced in a St. Louis newspaper. It was the spring before the panic, and many people were expressing interest in the subject. A number of men wrote Mr. Joline to ask for a copy. In response he issued the address in pamphlet form. Dr. Wilson, in Princeton, received a copy which was minded to write the letter which has now risen out of the past to cover the present. It was still able to rise thus spectre-like, that such a casual note of acknowledgment and expression of sympathy in viewpoint should have been preserved through the passing years, was due to no one's foresight as to its significance and interest. It would acquire later on."

Besides being a lawyer, a reorganizer of railroads and a writer, Mr. Joline happens to be a collector of autographs. In the course of years he has gathered together a collection of tremendous value, and the "traditions of an Autograph Collector" was from his pen. So, instead of destroying the little note, he paid Mr. Wilson the compliment of preserving it as an interesting autograph.

Specter of Walking.
In the early months of last year, at a time when it seemed to Mr. Joline that Governor Wilson was fraternizing with Mr. Bryan in an interesting fashion, when it struck him that the two men were patting each other on the back, speaking on the same platform and generally harmonizing, he happened to chance upon that forgotten letter of four years before. He was mildly diverted at the contrast. It just goes to show, he thought, how his views will change with the years, and perhaps with one's becoming a candidate for office. It was with some such amused reflection as this that he took the letter out and showed it to a friend. But that started the specter walking. It stalked abroad through the land. The anecdote among the crowd, and generally harmonizing, he happened to chance upon that forgotten letter of four years before. He was mildly diverted at the contrast. 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